To barbarous license * As 'tis ever
common,
That men are merriest when they are
from home*
But tell the Dauphin,—I will keep my
state;
Be like a king, and show my sail of
greatness,
When I do rouse me in my throne of
France:
For that I have laid by[9] my majesty,
And plodded like a man for working days
i
But I will rise there with so full a glory,
That I will dazzle all the eyes of France,
Yea, strike the Dauphin blind to look on
us.
And tell the pleasant prince,—this mock
of his
Hath turn'd his balls to gun-stones ; and
his soul
Shall stand sore charged for the wasteful
vengeance
That shall fly with them: for many a
thousand
widows
Shall this his mock mock out of their
dear hus-
bands ;
Mock mothers from their sons, mock
castles down:
And some are yet ungotten, and unborn,
That shall have cause to curse the
Dauphin's scorn.
But this lies all within the will of God,
To whom I do appeal; And in whose
name,
Tell you the Dauphin I am coming on,
To venge me as I may, and to put forth

9 For THAT I have laid by—I To qualify myself for this under-taking, I have descended from my station, and*studied the arts of life in a lower character. JOHNSON.

The quartos 1600 and 1608 read—" For *this*." STEEVENS.

i — his balls to GUN-STONES ;] When ordnance was first used, they discharged balls, not of iron, but of stone. JOHNSON.

So, Holinshed, p. 947 *. " About seaven of the clocke marched forward the light pieces of ordinance,, with *stone* and powder."

In the Brut of England it is said, that when Henry the Fifth before Hare-flete received a taunting message from theDauphine of France, and a ton of tennis-balls by way of contempt, ** he anone lette make tenes balles for the Dolfin (Henry's ship) in all the haste that they rovght, and they were great *gonnestones* for

the Dolfin to plave with alle. But this game at "tennis was too rough for the besieged, when Henry plavede at the tenes with his "*hard gonnestones,*" &c. STEEVENS.